



# COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE DOCUMENT

## Flood Risk Management, Ecosystem Restoration, and Other Allied Purposes, New York

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### DESCRIPTION

In April 2007, the lower Hudson Valley was struck by a nor'easter causing significant flooding, damage, and loss of life. In May 2007, a Presidential Disaster Declaration (FEMA-1692-DR, New York) was issued for most of the lower Hudson Valley, as well as for other affected counties in the state. The declaration covers fourteen counties, including Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Essex, Greene, Montgomery, Orange, Putnam, Richmond, Rockland, Schoharie, Suffolk, Ulster, and Westchester. The area covered by this disaster declaration has a population of 4.5 million and encompasses over 8,949 square miles. The Comprehensive Response Document will be a reconnaissance-level, multi-watershed report that will identify problems and opportunities, as well as potential solutions, authorizations and cost-sharing partners for individual studies, projects and programs. These may include actions for non-federal entities for flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and other allied purposes in the counties covered by FEMA-1692-DR.

### AUTHORIZATION

Section 212 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, as amended

### STATUS

The District initiated the Comprehensive Response Report in September 2007. The report will define the problems, needs, and opportunities for the study area. The District is coordinating with other federal and New York State agencies and municipalities to prepare the Comprehensive Response Report to identify opportunities for flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, and other allied purposes within the counties covered by FEMA 1692-DR and associated watersheds. The report will include a host of recommendations for potential future federal involvement, including Continuing Authorities Projects, Watershed Studies, Planning Assistance to States, and Flood Plain Management Services. There may, however, be areas that will not demonstrate a federal interest. A draft report is expected to be completed by March 2012.

### STUDY COST

Federal	<u>\$500,000</u>
Total	\$500,000

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